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FOREIGN DEBT WITH ONGC
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the total foreign debts with Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) as on date;

(b) the purpose for which ONGC has taken such loan and under what terms and conditions, and

(c) the steps taken by ONGC to refund the loan taken for the purpose?

Answer

MINISTER OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS AND PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR)

(a): The total foreign debt of ONGC as on 17.12.2004 is about Japanese Yen (JPY) 2367 Million, equivalent to Rs. 99.75 crores.

(b): This loan was taken by ONGC from State Bank of India, New York in February, 2000 at an interest rate of 2.60% per annum for refinancing the outstanding amount of loan aggregating to JPY 4218.60 Million from the Japan Bank of International Cooperation (formerly known as Export-Import Bank of Japan) for reducing the cost of debt. The earlier loan availed at an interest rate of 3.04% per annum, was for financing the foreign currency expenditure for expansion of Hazira Gas Terminal, a component of gas flaring reduction Project.

The above loan taken from the SBI, New York is repayable in 20 semi-annual installments of JPY 205.78 Million each, and one final installment of JPY 102.97 Million.

(c): All repayment installments, including the interest thereon are being repaid by ONGC on due dates.